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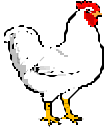
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

 Majority prices in the major terminal markets were unchanged in the West, but higher in the Midwest and East when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm, due mostly to the affect of hurricane Katrina. Retail and food service demand was fairly active as interest increased for the holiday weekend and as limited offerings were coming out of Mississippi. Overall, supplies ranged from short to about sufficient as traders were confident in markets and not pushing product to sell. Power outages, increased bird losses, higher prices and/or lack of fuel was causing disruptions in both local and shipping channels. In the parts structure, trading was moderately active on most items. However, some caution was also noted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05-SEP-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	67.00-70.00	54.00-76.50	69.21	29
New York	68.00-71.00			
Los Angeles	81.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	74.75-76.00	56.00-80.00	74.38	42

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 75.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
918	70.78-76.42	74.90
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)

LINE RUN TENDERS	175.50	1,192
BREASTS - B/S	151.00	5,652
BREASTS - WHOLE	87.00	1,275
THIGH MEAT - B/S	117.50	938
LEG QUARTERS	47.50	7,226
WINGS	89.50	2,752

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were 2 cents higher than Monday's majority. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was fully steady to firm. Additional offers of whole fryers were barely adequate to tight for current buyer interest. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate, best into retail features entering the Labor Day weekend. Floor stocks were mixed with sizes ranging desirable to light. Buyers without a committed source of product were finding product and trucks difficult to secure, while distributors closely watched developments in storm damaged production areas and rising fuel costs. Supplies of wings and leg items were tight with breast items adequate to close. The trade sentiment was firm on wings, and fully steady to firm on leg items and boneless skinless breasts.

SOUTHERN BROILER Market conditions were fully steady to firm, even though traders were closely watching further market developments. Retail demand was moderate going into the holiday weekend. Distributive interest was fairly good going West as some suppliers in Mississippi were not processing as a result of hurricane Katrina and had no product for immediate shipment. In the parts structure, trading was irregular, but mostly fairly good. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was fully steady on regular commitments, firm on new negotiations. Offerings uncertain and deliveries often late or canceled. Retailer demand good to cover Labor Day. Dealers anticipated lighter than desired weekend carryovers.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged fair to good entering the holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes were about adequate to well cleared and were affected by ongoing disruptions in transportation and production due to the affects of hurricane Katrina. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was mostly firm. In the parts complex, most items were in good balance to short and well cleared.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair to moderate into regular outlets; however, with plants closing Monday for the holiday and active buying interest from outside normal shipping channels offerings were generally well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were heavy when combined with operations slated for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 69 to 80 cents. Trade sentiment was firm and continued to be heavily influenced by the ongoing affects of Hurricane Katrina. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to well cleared.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	66-82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	08/29/05-09/02/05
	08/30/04-09/03/04
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	08/29/05-09/02/05
	08/30/04-09/03/04
	(A)

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

SEP 01

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEP 02

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	481	125.00-146.00	127-132	131.57	317	127.00-157.00	132-145	142.57	2,161	132.09
TENDERLOINS	129	134.00-202.00	134-139	138.62	128	136.00-175.00	136-141	140.00	653	139.34
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				74	86.00-88.00	-	86.27	362	85.51
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO SALES TO REPORT				158	58.79
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO SALES TO REPORT				240	61.50
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	569	43.00-45.00	-	44.93	576	45.00-46.00	-	45.10	2,852	44.96
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,105	45.00-47.00	46-47	46.67	961	45.00-48.00	46-48	46.73	5,401	46.56
WINGS (WHOLE)	302	84.00-92.00	84-87	85.50	296	85.00-90.00	-	89.41	1,464	86.21
WINGS (CUT)	265	101.00-104.00	101-103	103.32	265	103.00-106.00	-	105.00	1,405	102.50
DRUMSTICKS	68	58.00-71.00	-	59.53	68	58.00-71.00	-	59.53	340	59.06
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO SALES TO REPORT				145	60.41
B/S THIGHS	80	119.00-123.00	-	122.00	50	119.00-130.00	-	125.60	405	119.56

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR SEP 01, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR SEP 02, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					

RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE****RANGE****TODAY'S AVERAGE****5-DAY AVERAGE**

50.00 - 54.00

53.38

50.75 - 51.25

50.80

51.81

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity was moderately good to good as dealers anticipated good clearances over the holiday weekend due mostly by disruptions in production and transportation caused by the hurricane. Offerings of most items were about adequate to short and where available held with extreme confidence. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

SEP 01

SEP 02

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	140-145	132.69	771,220		145-150	137.18	584,600	133.63	2,860,140
TENDERLOINS	140	131.63	251,660		140-145	133.92	164,960	131.89	825,151
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	88.79	67,880		82-83	87.91	91,280	88.95	349,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	83.40	90,000		82	84.33	81,000	81.42	432,000
LEGS	61-62	62.76	184,300		62-63	62.71	199,840	63.28	708,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	46.40	301,000		46-47	47.50	869,251	46.66	2,056,483
DRUMSTICKS	53-54	58.81	121,800		54-55	59.78	142,840	59.26	530,060
THIGHS	55-56	59.02	62,840		56-57	62.40	66,680	58.97	348,070
B/S THIGHS	123-124	115.02	95,780		124-125	120.38	138,320	116.34	433,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	89-90	87.78	226,780		90-91	88.55	165,560	88.47	891,550
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.98	13,280		10-12	11.72	26,120	11.60	77,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	34.80	14,320		40-45	40.20	11,360	36.38	60,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	65.03	17,080		60-65	65.22	16,320	64.93	82,080

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG)* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
	09/02	09/01	08/31	08/30	08/31	08/30	08/26	08/24		
Alabama	4,947	4,008	4,002	3,442	5.08	5.10	4,882	5.17		
Arkansas	5,541	5,421	5,295	5,328	5.16	5.18	5,974	5.10		
Delmarva	2,778	2,238	2,263	2,245	5.42	5.62	2,804	5.52		
KY-LA-TN	2,030	2,181	2,171	2,165	4.77	4.83	2,051	4.92		
Mississippi	2,455	850	Storm	Storm	0.00	0.00	3,445	5.41		
North Carolina	3,546	2,404	2,496	2,497	6.32	6.32	3,252	6.43		
Texas	2,519	2,504	2,537	2,504	5.13	5.13	2,582	5.18		
Total	23,816	19,606	18,764	18,181	5.28	5.33	24,990	5.34		
Mon-Fri	101,765(A)		111,962(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Sep-05 and 03-Sep-05 is estimated to be 35,631,000 head down 4.98 percent from a week ago and down -10.16 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 37,500,000, last year 39,661,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 03-Sep-05 is estimated to be 150,873,000 head down 9.90 percent from a week ago, and down 10.07 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 167,447,000, last year 167,764,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	105-107
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	108-112
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	111-112
HENS OVER 5#	93-95
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	95-105
DUCKS	180-192

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 20-Aug-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	29,241	21,047	52,547
Avg Weight	3.75	4.79	6.22
% of total /1	28%	20%	51%

Comparisons

Last week	31,352	20,086	50,663
Avg Weight	3.60	4.79	6.33
% of total /1	31%	20%	50%

Same week, yr ago /2	30,730	17,452	52,672
Avg Weight	3.60	4.69	6.27
% of total /1	30%	17%	52%

To date/2005	917,888	740,356	1,611,398
To date/2004	878,236	717,696	1,491,672

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 27-Aug-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	167,447	1,458	1,481	2,939	517
Avg Wt	5.24	3.07	8.06	5.58	6.65
Last week	167,810	1,302	1,712	3,014	489
Same wk yr ago	164,670	1,296	1,571	2,867	455
Avg Wt	5.30	3.36	8.01	5.91	6.75
To-date/2005	5,484,261	51,058	48,557	99,615	16,864
To-date/2004	5,311,518	46,227	45,123	91,350	15,852

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.5 million head, or 3.8 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
July	23 172.1	166.7	103%	5.15
	30 170.9	167.1	102%	5.19
August	6 171.9	167.4	103%	5.28
	13 170.7	167.6	102%	5.18
	20 169.8	166.8	102%	5.23
	27 169.5	165.7	102%	5.24
Year to date	5550.8	5605.1	99%	
September	3 163.7	163.1		
	10 163.1			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	09/03/05	08/27/05	% CHG	09/04/04	% CHG
Broilers	150,873	167,447*	-9.90	167,764*	-10.07
Cattle	636	664	-04	642*	-01
Hogs	2,006	1,983	+01	2,049*	-02

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 29-AUG-2005

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	143-145	149-153
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	130-137	131-138
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	65.00-73.50	70.00-73.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-86.50	72.00-76.50

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to at times very good. Supplies were adequate. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules full time to over time to help fill extra orders this week. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 29-AUG-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 08-30-05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Pekin Ducks	2.75 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.38 - .42
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.45 - .50
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .55
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.15
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.80 - .90
Guinea Fowl	1.70 - 1.90
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.50ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.50 - .70
Pigeons	4.00 - 4.75ea.
White Pigeons	3.75 - 4.25ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.75 - .85
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.70 - .80
Bunnies	1.50 - 4.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	.07 - .25ea.
Goats	30.00 - 40.00ea.

Total Coops Sold 416

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair and unaggressive for light canners; heavy canners were mostly fair to moderate at best with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was about steady to steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
19-28 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
21-29 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-13	9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair for the usually adequate offerings from production areas. Schedules were normal to less than normal due in part to the hurricane. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs were higher. Demand was light with offering adequate to available. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Finished product demand sluggish with production schedules reduced for next week.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	6-11	

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-SEP-05

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly fair for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to light due to reduced schedules for the holiday and the effects of hurricane Katrina. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient for current needs. The undertone was at generally steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Prices were too few sales to report. Demand was moderate for the irregular offerings from production areas. Schedules were less than normal due in part to the hurricane. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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